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1. ACCORDING FRESS, MINSUPPLY ZAKARIA TEWFIK ANNOUNCED JAN 15 THAT NO INCREASES IN PRICES OF BASIC SUPPLY COMMODITIES ARE ENVISIONED IN 1978. COMMODITIES INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY ARE BREAD, FLOUR, MAIZE, HORSE BEANS, LENTILS, MEAT AND RICE. TEWFIK ALSO REPORTEDLY ESTIMATED COST TO GOE OF MAINTAINING MEAT SUBSIDY ALONE (WHICH PERMITS FAMILIES TO PURCHASE UP TO 3 KILOS OF MEAT PER MONTH AT 55 PIASTERS/KILO) EXCEEDS LE 33 MILLION ANNUALLY.

2. COMMENT: TEWFIK'S ANNOUNCEMENT TENDS TO CONFIRM APPARENT GOE DECISION TO RETAIN BASIC SUBSIDIES THROUGHOUT 1978. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS STILL UNCLEAR WHAT NET EFFECT OF RECENT ADJUSTMENTS IN RATIONED QUANTITIES, PLUS SOME REPORTEDLY UNPUBLICIZED PRICE INCREASES, WILL BE ON TOTAL 1978 SUBSIDY BILL. EILTS

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